

METHODS FOR PREPARING AN IMAGED COMPOSITE

Abstract

A method for preparing an imaged composite by applying a layer of a gel coat composition to at least one surface of a substrate comprising a composite material, curing the gel coat composition, and then transferring a sublimatable dye to the cured gel coat is disclosed. The gel coat composition can be cured thermally, via radiation, or by the addition of a catalyst. The sublimation dye design can be printed on a transfer sheet and then transferred to the coated composite by the application of heat and pressure.